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AN EVENING HOUR.

BY MARY M. BOWEN.

The gentian curtains, far away,
  Low droop their crystal fringes,
And all the golden gates of day
  Turn on their amber hinges.
The world is still; the air is sweet
  With breath of thyme and clover;
The shadows grow; the twinkling feet
  Of early stars come over;
A dainty rustle stirs the rose,
  The brook, in faint commotion,
Sings low, sings soft, sings glad and flows.
  O, silent, moving ocean!
O, blessed earth! O, blessed sky!
  O, how reluctant! slowly
On airy, garnished couches die
  Thy moments, rapt and holy.

—*Sycamore Dale, West Virginia.*

AN APPEAL.

With the opening of the school year, the Oread Society and its paper by the same name are taking a higher stand than before. The society has long needed rooms that should be used exclusively for its regular meeting and entertainments. The organization, for the year '79 and '80, has received a large addition of new members, and a spirit, same in kind as the old one, but more intense in degree is diffused. It is now the earnest purpose of all, to have, before the end of the year, a place for meeting as will in every way meet the requirement of the case. But when we begin to count the number of chairs needed, the many books we must have to fill up the library, how much a carpet will cost; when we remember that the aesthetic taste must be cultivated by pictures as well as the literary by books, we feel that the task is no less than herculean. Now, friends and old members of the society, you can help us bear the burden, and in remembrance of "old times," send us a solid testimonial of your continued interest in your society, books, pictures and household goods. Oread remembers her artist children and will remember, too, if they fail to send in their productions for her inspection and generous criticism.

Every one must hear about the prosperous year before the society, and through the Oread a way is provided whereby all may be informed. In this, also, there is a new departure, the paper will be sent out quarterly, and is designed not only to represent the institution and literary society, but will offer inducements to young writers among us. Articles will be contributed by teachers, pupils and writers of the day. Its columns will be filled with matter not only of local, but of state and national interest.

Subscription price of Oread fifty cents. All communications addressed to Oread, Mt. Carroll Seminary, Mt. Carroll, Ill.

We wish to call particular attention to the above appeal by Miss Alma Chapman, President of the Oread Society. Let every one who has been connected with the society, or is interested in its welfare respond. Send a trifle from your pocket, a book, a picture, a motto, or any article of use or ornament suitable for the rooms of a literary or musical society. Remember how much such rooms would have been prized by you when a student, and lend a helping hand to your younger sisters. A. C. Joy.

A Chat With the Absent Ones.

To all the Alumni, and Alumnae scattered abroad—(yes, and those who are *not* "ni")—we who *are* nigh, send greeting. Friends, old class mates "lend us your ears"—(one will answer if the other is really needed for home interests, provided the one loaned is "the attentive ear," accompanied by a sympathic and "understanding heart.")

Before we commence our tour of the old Seminary home, which shall include all *new* points of interest. I must know if I have the fullest confidence of the company, in my veracity, and knowledge of the subject in hand. You do not for a moment question it? Then I have the honor of accompanying my auricular friends from Mrs. Shimer's office where we have met—but wait a moment, have you glanced down the length of the reception parlors, and seen how receptive they really are, with their sunshine, pictures, flowers, easy chairs, and above all the pure benediction that greets all who enter, "God bless our school?" Were you at the opposite end of the rooms, that one painting alone (Miss Clark's gift to Mrs. Shimer on the 25th anniversary of our school) would prove an enjoyable study for a much longer time than we can give it, and be as worthy of redoubled study when we return to it.

No use trying to gather those flowers, you'll see if you look more closely, they are part of the new carpet Mrs. Shimer has put down in her office this summer.

You've seen that convenient desk of Miss Joy's. Mrs. Shimer planned it of course.

This door, you remember, leads into the large lower hall. Didn't recognize it; the new carpet and paper have added to its appearance, I acknowledge. Our front doors, you see, still suggest a review of the history of our school.

You say you have heard of the new two story brick chapel, with its fine organ—concert grand, and all the "very latest" in way of concert hall equipments, to say nothing sf the desirable rooms below, museums, etc. You are indeed prophets. Pardon the suggestion, but were you as well posted as your privileges admit, you would have known our industrious and enterprising Principal has had no time as yet, to build said chapel. However, if all things prosper with her school, we trust you will find yourselves not more than a year "ahead of the times." Better that than a month behind.

Our hammocks suggest summer day dreams, made more enjoyable by impromptu concerts from our numerous aerial friends who require as their only compensation, a satisfactory birds-eye view of their audience.

O, that building? what! after all your assurances to the contrary, doubting my word? I assure you it is not a chapel, let alone *the* chapel. I know it is a two story commodious building, but intended to accommodate the gardener and "our boys." If you would like to receive real enjoyment, step into the long low building attached. Such sweetness; such greenness; such bloom amid winter bleakness.

Our green house is "a thing of beauty," and one of the Seminary's unchangable joys. You see, it stands on the east of the lawn, near the greenhouse. We expect many runners *in* our green house if not *for* it, while it is only a forerunner of many good things to come. Prophesy again, if you can, if not, guess.

Our grape arbor is as beautiful as ever, and quite as desirable a summer resort. "The orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wildwood, and every loved spot the old students knew," are still to be found, even to the "crooked paths for our feet," we ever have and ever shall love to wander in, and inviting little arbors with their over-hanging vines so shadowy and sweet. And our trees, O! our trees, suggestive enough to satisfy

any poetical dreamer—nobly protecting us from undue scrutiny without, and inviting by their graceful beauty the admiration of all within.

Just now you see we have ashes for beauty, (rather than "Beauty for Ashes) their coral ornaments vie with the other brilliant gifts Autumn brings to us in such lavish abundance. Truly, the foliage and flowers are luxuriant and beautiful, "But they fade so soon, they come and go like the month of June." It would seem that Summer lingered with her hand in that of Autumn, disliking to depart as much as we dislike to have her, although we gladly welcome her more regal friend.

You notice our young ladies can enjoy croquet, archery, or bean-bags on these lawns without fear of being seen enough to be annoyed by unkindly critical glances. That is owing to the forethought of our Principal when she planted these now massive evergreens, which stand like sentinels on all sides of our grounds.

Enter with me once more before you leave us.

You find the studio unchanged; the beautiful hills and meadows still smiling up a welcome when we look out upon them. We still offer here our daily evening half hour of prayer and praise, and are daily blest by its sweet influence perceptibly resting on our school.

Miss Clark and Miss Carrie White are to be found in all respects "just as of old."

Miss Kendall and Clara White still respond with welcoming faces when called upon at 85.

Miss Mills and the Misses Chapman receive this year at 106 Exit Ave. I assure you none of the well remembered brightness and cheer of that room have departed since first it echoed the pleasantly remembered voices of the twins and music loving Nannie.

Misses Jones and Knowlton, where are they? Most any where, I thank you, where duty directs; however, a call at "Den" 102 Broadway and Exit Ave., will be cordially received, and if they chance to be away, (as I hear they are sometimes) just enter and make yourself at home (while you wish they were) and they will be sure to appear sooner or later, and be as glad to see you as you are to see them.

But time fails me (always was one of my failings) to speak of the many dear faces that have returned to us, and of the new ones who already we are forgetting are "new girls," and as well the old ones who are only with us in loving remembrance, and we trust, in spirit.

A year never opened more prosperously, pleasantly, unitedly, all things considered, than this. Our tables are full in more senses of the word than one.

Please glance in these rooms, and I will detain you no longer.

Students of '72 and '73 remember the old studio. Three years ago these rooms were handsomely papered, grained and nicely fitted up in every way. This year Mrs. Shimer offers them to the OREAD Society if they will furnish them. These rooms are "just the thing." Our OREAD Society could desire no more appropriate permanent home. Do you not see our bright pretty carpet, restful chairs, handsome table and chair for president, new piano, Mrs. Shimer is so kindly willing we should use at our meetings, pictures, statuary, mottoes, last but not least our library so tastefully arranged round the room? You do not see it as clearly as I? The floor and walls look bare to you; that is owing to your lack of faith. It is only necessary that each one of you and all other Seminary friends subscribe for our OREAD, (and yours) and with the subscription send a book for the library, a motto for our walls, (if of your own making, all the better) and sooner than you realize "faith will become sight."

We are working and intending to work, with earnestness to promote the interests of our society, believing "faith without works is dead." If you will adopt with us the following sentiment, I am sure success must follow:

"Look forward and not backward,
Up and not down,
Out and not in,
And lend a hand."

BELL F. JONES.

Letter From Iowa.

CAMANCHE, IOWA, OCT. 8, 1879.

KIND TEACHER AND FRIEND:—Your card requesting me to furnish you with some items in regard to our trip this Summer, has been received. Gladly would I comply, if I knew what would be of interest to you and the various readers of THE OREAD. It is hard to select from out the many pleasures to the partaker of such a trip, occurrences which shall furnish even a passing entertainment to the listener or reader.

We left our home on the 11th of August, and, after a delightful journey of three days, arrived in St. Paul. High bluffs, which were thickly covered with trees that, even at that time, were laying aside their Summer robes for the bright and ever changeful hues of Autumn, closely followed each bank of the winding river. The first duty upon our arrival was to find a boarding place; this was a somewhat difficult task, as the city was already full of tourists. Having found one that was satisfactory, we gave ourselves up to sight-seeing; we visited every place of interest in St. Paul, Minneapolis, and St. Anthony; Lakes Minnetonka, Como and White Bear; Falls of Minnehaha, and St. Anthony; noted springs and caves. At St. Anthony we went to the University of Minnesota. The grounds were nicely laid out, and showed that much time and labor were expended upon them. The building is a fine, large stone one. It was vacation; the halls and rooms were all deserted by the many pupils who yearly meet together there. As we passed from room to room, how many times I thought of my own school, and found myself thinking of teachers, class mates and school mates, of our many sorrows and treats, and also our mutual joys and pleasures. Here they have a very fine museum, containing large collections of animals, fossils, minerals, precious stones, birds, in fact, everything of interest that should be found in rooms intended as these were for the entertainment and instruction of the masses. But traveling and sight-seeing, no matter how pleasant and profitable, will, in time, become monotonous and tiresome, and one longs for the quiet of home life. This has ever been my experience, and therefore I was not sorry when we found ourselves once more on the boat and started down stream. Nettie and I parted from our newly found acquaintances and our own friends at Trempeleau, while we left the boat for a visit to May Button. May met us at the landing with open arms and extended to us a hearty welcome. At her home she was surrounded by kind, loving friends and everything that could in any way contribute to her happiness. She is much as she was when so well known, honored and loved by us all—full of life; gentle, loving, thoughtful of the interests of others, she is aiming to make all about her happier and better. While together, we talked long and earnestly of bygone days, when we strove so hard to master those difficult lessons, and groaned, yes, even wept, over cruel examination. But time spent in visiting flies all too rapidly, and at the close of one short week we were obliged to leave her, feeling that by that meeting and parting we had strengthened the bond of friendship which had united, and we trust, ever will unite our hearts. From Trempeleau we went directly to Waukon, at which place resides our fun-loving Mamie. She has advanced one step farther in life than May—for she is married. Mrs. F. C. Burdick is not, however, materially changed from the Mamie Hersey of former days. Matrimonial cares and household perplexities rest lightly upon her, being unable either to make her old or very dignified. Her home we should pronounce an "earthly Paradise," as poets talk about. No jarring element was found, no skeleton was in the closet. Could all the girls marry so good and so good-looking a man, make such kind wives, be queens in such happy homes, and so royally entertain schoolmates and friends, we should not hesitate one moment to advise all to follow Mamie's example.

Just so surely as the night succeeds the day, farewells must follow greetings, and so, after a delightful visit of two weeks with her, we left her, trusting that all her bright dreams for the future may be fully realized. From the time we left Waukon, a few hours brought us safely home, well pleased with our entire journey. and with none but the pleasantest recollections of our visits.

Hoping to be kindly remembered by you and all my friends,

I am, with much love, yours,

FANNIE A. IRELAND.

A VAGABOND RHYME.

(Without Father or Mother.)

The following was read by its author at the first meeting of the OREAD Society this fall.

Sing a song of school-days
Full of life and fun,
Earnest work and purpose,
Duty bravely done;
Fall the song as lightly
On the busy brain
As upon the blossoms
Falls the summer rain.

Let it help to brighten
Many future hours,
As the rain refreshes
Still unopened flowers;
Sing about a meeting
In a pleasant place,
When we meet together
Just to state the case.

Sing of how we prospered,
How the meeting grew
To a large assembly
From a very few;
Sing of books and pictures
Sent by absent friends,
Waifs tell, on the waters,
How the current tends.

Sing about the carpet,
Like a bed of flowers,
Bought at a reduction
For that room of ours;
Sing about the sofas,
Chairs with sofa-back,
Sing about the mottos
And the bric-a-brac.

Sing how Mrs. Shimer—
Bless her generous heart—
Sent a new piano
Just to help us start.
Sing of entertainments
Every little while
Filling up our coffers,
Broadening our smile.

Sing how every member
Bravely took her turn,
For the timid speaker,
Just the place to learn.
Sing about the music,
Poetry and art,
Sentiment and science,
Each in proper part.

Don't you see the vision
Rising to your view?
Lend a hand and help us
Make the vision true.
To the future question,
"What year led the line?"
We shall proudly answer, 1879.

Letter from Kewanee, Illinois.

KEWANEE, ILLS., OCT. 11, 1879.

DEAR SEMINARY FRIENDS:—Though we are scattered far and near, through States and territories, engaged in various pursuits, our little OREAD carries us tidings of each other and the seminary work.

Very gladly I welcome the messenger bearing to me news of my sisters and home; for to all of us who have spent so many pleasant weeks in her halls, the seminary is a second home. 'Tis therefore with pleasure that I, for a time, drop my household cares and contribute my mite to the columns of THE OREAD. Yes, I say household cares, for I, like many of you, have assumed the responsibilities of housekeeper in a home of my own. I know it interferes with an extended course of study in the arts and sciences, and is not, perhaps, just what seminary life fits us for, still I always was of the opinion, which you will no doubt endorse, that one's energies should be concentrated in a certain direction. I have often tried to determine where my faculties lay. I tried music. I decided that it was not there; as an essayist I was a failure; each branch demonstrated to me that there must be something else which was my forte, (for we all have one) till domestic economy came under my notice. I decided, though a little biased perhaps, that in this department I would be more apt to be a success than in any other, therefore, you might find me today pursuing the study with numerous practical illustrations, to my advantage and satisfaction. Excuse, please, so much about myself, but I wanted to vindicate myself in the eyes of my class especially, for thus withdrawing from the sisterhood; but I am still one of you, and as another has done the same, I think we have your pardon, and I shouldn't wonder a bit if some more "alumni-in-law" would soon belong to the class of '77. I have been reading May's letter in the last OREAD. I was glad to hear from her, even in that way, and hope the bachelor did not put in an appearance.

I want to say to my class, I had all of your pictures framed with *Certum pete finen* encircling them. They hang in my sitting room where I see them every day; but I wish you could all be here yourselves. We would renew our old reading circle and have something as good as "David" for our entertainment. Notwithstanding all those hard trials and tribulations, without which a school girl's life would be very incomplete, I think we will all readily agree that we have had some pretty good times together, and now that we are separated, and I do not know where you all are, I will give you my address, and say I shall be very glad to hear from any of my old friends, even if by means of only a postal card, though I prefer a good long letter.

ARA INGALLS MORGAN.

PROSPECTUS

Of the Mt. Carroll Seminary Oread.

A quarterly Journal, published under the auspices of the Oread Society connected with the Institution. The want of such a medium, and the labor and responsibility of its publication, were first recognized and undertaken by the members of the Neosophic Society of the Seminary. The first number under the title of "Seminary Bell," was issued in November, 1859. It was ably and successfully conducted to the close of the school year in 1861, when the excitement of our national war so distracted our contributors and readers, and so increased the expense of publication, that it was deemed prudent to suspend the "Bell" for a time. In January, 1869, the publication was resumed under a new name and the auspices of a new Society. The first numbers were sixteen pages each, inferior in quality of paper, binding, etc. Each year, and almost each month, some improvement has been inaugurated, till THE OREAD for 1879 is far superior in mechanical execution and contains nearly double the matter of THE OREAD of 1869.

The matter is mostly original with the present students, one object of its publication being to render more easy and pleasant the usually difficult and much dreaded task of composition writing, by giving as models the efforts of students of every degree of improvement. Its columns, however, are open to contributions from all who were ever connected with the institution as Patron, Teacher or Pupil. From the latter, especially, communications are desired, as THE OREAD is designed as a link between the members of the Institution of the past and present time. Thus the "student's column" devoted especially to items of news regarding the whereabouts and business of the old students who may communicate with THE OREAD will be of special interest.

THE OREAD, as the organ and exponent of the Institution from which it emanates, aims to set forth plainly and truthfully its wants, and the facilities it offers to those seeking a desirable place to acquire a thorough practical education. It thus is made to subserve the purpose of a catalogue and is sent to applicants to answer the inquiries usually made.

TERMS—Only 50 cents per school year. Students, patrons and all who have ever in any way been connected with the Institution, will each be given as a premium, the large and beautiful Lithograph of the Seminary, which is alone worth the subscription price.

Matrimonial.

The following we clip from the Berlin. (Wis.) *Courant:*

"On Wednesday evening, August 27, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Ardin L. Buell and Miss Mary L. Turner were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Richards. The simple but impressive ceremony which united these two in one, was witnessed by only a few near relatives. The presents to the bride, while not great in number, were elegant and costly, and testified to the appreciation of the bride by her friends. Soon after the ceremony, an elegant collation was spread for the guests, which was largely contributed to from Conroy's of Milwaukee. Never did a young couple start in life under brighter skies or more pleasant surroundings, and many, many friends will join in wishing them joy and happiness that knows no clouds or breakers. Just after the refreshments had been served the band appeared and paid their respects to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Buell, in their best style. The house was most profusely decorated with flowers, sent to the bride by loving friends.

No cards.

A happy coincidence—Berlin's favorite singer and Ripon's favorite singer were married on the same day.

When is a temperance woman justified in administering punch? When her chum snores.

THE OREAD.

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THE OREAD is again sent forth with greetings. It is hoped that it will receive a hearty welcome from its many friends as it makes its quarterly visit The editors beg you who are no longer seminary boys and girls, to lend a helping hand in making it instructive and interesting. Send us bits of news about the absent ones. Write us of your experience, and tell us what are your thoughts and opinions on the questions of the day. You may do much good to those who are now travelling the path you so lately trod—for it seems a little while, we fancy, even if twenty years have slipped by since then. What has life brought to you who are in riper years? Has it not lessons that will enable you to send a bit of encouragement and advice to help the younger brothers and sisters to be wiser, stronger and better. Some of you are teachers. Let us have an exchange of ideas. Many are wives and mothers. May you not help each other by opening your store-houses? Write us a word, now and then, for the sake of the friends of the present, and of the strangers, too—a word now and then for the sake of auld lang syne.

We have begun another school year with high hopes and courageous hearts. The brighter outlook for business has told in its influence upon the financial interest of the school. Through all of the hard times, Mt. Carroll Seminary kept steadily at work, doing no whining and begging, (it had, indeed, but little cause for either) and now it hails the still brighter prospect with thanksgiving. Its opening last fall was one of unprecedented financial prosperity, and we hope, ultimately, to reap the benefit of the good times in a new chapel, school room, and natural history hall.

THE OREAD Society has caught already the business spirit of the day, and is making vigorous efforts to furnish new rooms and add to its library.

We are a busy people at the Seminary, as you who have been with us can believe. If you step into the library you will be almost sure to see some one with a volume of the encyclopedia in hand and another looking wise over Webster's Unabridged, while you listen to the usual musical accompaniment from near and from far. If you chance to glance out of the window, perchance you will catch a glimpse of some zoological student, administering a dose of ammonia to an unoffending bug, or another cautiously making the acquaintance of a fussy wasp. If you step to the school room, you may smile at our programme—*spelling* three times a week. We have a reform, you see; not exactly such a one as some of the wise men are advocating, but really a reform in that this spelling is no longer confined to the preparatory department. Monday morning, we have a summary of the news of the week, and then we spend a half hour on Bible history, and Friday we receive criticisms and the reports of the deportment of each student, and every other Friday a talk on some scientific or literary subject. Then, there is the writing, drawing, and composition work that, together, through the week, make up one afternoon division. Do you not believe we are busy when all this and elocution are added to our regular studies, to say nothing of chorus practice Tuesday and Friday evenings, a musical rehearsal of some one class each week, an Oread meeting every fortnight, general exercises once a month, and examinations regularly every four weeks and no help for us. Yes, we are busy with our care and study now that school is fairly under way, and under way at such rapid rate, we already espy Christmas and catch a glimpse of New Years. October has smiled upon us in such an August-like manner, we might have thought we had lost our reckoning were it not for our implicit confidence in the almanac. No, there was no cheat. Old Time is hurrying us on to a well-earned holiday, and a glorious vacation.

At the State Asylum for Feeble Minded Children, at Lincoln, Illinois, pupils from the State are furnished with board, tuition and washing, free of charge. The School Term opened September 1st. Friends of this class of children, who wish to get them in this year, should make application at once, as there are but few vacancies to fill.

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Of all the graces which is the least desirable? Dis-grace.

PERSONALS.

Misses Edith and Mary Gould, pupils of '77 and '78, seem, from letters received, to be having very jolly times at their home in Eaton, Ohio.

Miss Jennie Cummings, of Sheffield, Ill., pupil of '76 and '77, is teaching at Wyanet, Ill. She paid a visit to the Seminary and her Mt. Carroll friends the first of Sept. She had an invitation to teach about twenty miles from Boston, but could not accept on account of a previous engagement.

Miss Alice Green, member of the class of '78, is teaching this year in the public school of Barry, Ill.

May Worthington, from Sterling, Ill., pupil of '79, spent the past summer in Chicago, and is now rusticating at her home. We hope to see her in her accustomed place at the Seminary before the year is over. She visited us Oct. 20 and 21, making our hearts glad with her bright face and cheery voice.

Anna Tewksbury, student of '77 and '78, is spending the fall and winter at her home in Mendota, Illinois.

Miss Flora Taylor, of Hudson, Wis., pupil of '77 and '78, has decided to weather the cold blasts of her Northern home this winter. We are sorry to learn that she is not enjoying good health.

Emma Benton, from Sublette, Ill., a student of last year, is prevented from returning on account of ill-health; from letters received she seems to be having many jolly times and narrow escapes. It is our sincere desire that she will entirely recover during her year's rest, and join us again.

Lura Pennell, student of '79, from Normal, Illinois, has past, from all accounts, a very pleasant summer, and is now filling a position of First Assistant in a High School at her home. Her genial and helpful influence is missed by all who knew her.

We hear that Josie Burbank, of Leavenworth, Kansas, pupil of last year, is about to enter into a new speculation this year. Success to you, Josie.

Ella Thornton, of Canton, Ill., returned to the "Sem" this fall, with two friends from her home.

Miss Elva Calkins, with her sister and Dell Miles, occupies 100 and 101.

Miss M. E. Jones spent the first few weeks of vacation resting, after her severe labors during the year. Later she visited Joliet and Ottawa, where she spent a pleasant hour with dear Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

Miss Sarah Hostetter is visiting friends in Milwaukee.

Miss Emma Gallup writes us a cheerful letter from Fairview, Iowa. She hopes to go to Colorado during the year.

Miss Claywell, looking unusually well, gave her Seminary acquaintances a call in September. She returns to school next term.

Miss Shannon has received much praise for her work as teacher in the country schools near Mt. Carroll, and has been offered an unusually high salary for her services another season.

Miss Mary DeWitt, of the class of '76, has become Mrs. St. Johns, and is living in Marion, Iowa.

Mrs. Belle Lewis Harvey resides in Chicago. Her sister is living with her.

The address of Miss Minnie Payne, is Marshalltown, Iowa.

Miss Clara Sears is married and living in Burlington, Kansas. We are not able to give her present name.

Miss Nellie Brown and Miss Etta Grow have been teaching for some time past. Last fall they resumed their studies at the Seminary.

The address of Miss Clara V. Shaw is 906 Sixth Ave, South Minneapolis. She has a studio at 322 Nicollet Ave., where she receives orders for pictures and teaches a few pupils. Miss Shaw has made a specialty of Art, having studied under the best artists of Boston, and also with Mr. Stakes, a graduate of the Royal Academy of Dublin, and now Director of the Fine Art Academy of New York City. Miss Shaw is gaining a reputation and will doubtless succeed in her chosen profession.

Miss V. Dox, of the class of '75, is preceptress in the academy at Wilson, N. Y. Since leaving the Seminary, she has been continuing the study of medicine with the untiring zeal that has always characterized her.

Miss Mooney, of the same class, retains, this year, her position as first assistant in the High School in Mt. Carroll.

Miss Laura Holland, also of the class of '75, has a large number of music pupils in Benton, Ill.

Miss Helen Eacker will be remembered as one of the little girls at the Seminary years ago; also, as a member of the class of '77, having returned to school after an absence of several years occupied in teaching in the West. The first year following her graduation was spent in Pecatonica, Ill., as first assistant in the high school. She received a hearty invitation to return the following year, but duty called her to Kansas Her address is now Delphos, Kansas. She has a pleasant situation as teacher in the public school near her home. During the past summer she was engaged in a six week's Normal, and has been requested by the superintendent to mark out a course of study for next summer's session. Those who knew Miss Eacker as a student, will vouch for her success in whatever she undertakes.

We always knew that Miss Vena Merit was a worker, but we think she is out doing herself this year. She has thirty pupils in music, a private class in Algebra and Latin, besides having quite a share of the care of home and the duties that come to the daughters of clergymen who are willing to bear them. One of Miss Merit's pupils is now a student at the Seminary. She has been so thoroughly prepared by her teacher, she bids fair to finish the music course this year.

Our much loved Nellie Wilder, of Sublette, is making home happy by her presence and relieving her mother of much care. She writes of a visit to Mrs. Ara Ingalls Morgan, snd gives a glowing account of her as wife and housekeeper. Most young ladies drop thier accomplishments when they assume the care of a home, but we hear that Mrs. Morgan has found time to paint pictures and teach a class in drawing and painting, and with all has not neglected any of the perhaps less artistic, but not less useful work found in kltchen and dining room.

Miss Gertrude Brown, of the class of '75, has been called to take the responsible place of preceptress in Ewing College. The tact and untiring energy she has exhibited in other places insures for her success in this.

Mrs. Amick may need introduction to most of the readers of THE OREAD, but Lillie Smith has a host of friends among the students of a few years ago. Lillie has added to her name, but has not lost any of the school girl love of fun, we judge from the jovial letter received a short time ago. She is traveling with her husband in Virginia. Letters addressed to St. Clairsville, Bedford Co., Pa., will always reach her.

We have before us a circular of the Misses Skinner's school in Hudson, N. Y. One of the sisters will be remembered as a teacher in Mt. Carroll Seminary some years ago. All will be glad to know that the institution she is helping to build up is steadily growing. They have already graduated five classes. The course of study is evidently prepared with much care, and every effort is made to meet the wants of their students.

During summer vacation we had a pleasant call from Mrs. Harriet (Howell) Watson, pupil of twenty-six years ago. (Her present address is Grand Crossing, near Chicago.) As she introduced her two youngest, a nice son and daughter, and told us of four others older, two of whom were married, we were again impressed with the fact—"we are all growing old." Of Mrs. W. we learned of two sisters, Sophia and Adda Howell, who were in school twenty and fifteen years ago. Their addresses are, Mrs. Sophia (Howell) Scott, Wheatland, Cal., and Mrs. Adda (Howell) Keith, Geneva Lake Wisconsin.

Mrs. Ada Tisdel Chrisler is the mother of five children, and is living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Perez Tisdel, Jr., resides in Falls City, Richardson Co., Nebraska.

Mrs. B. Halderman Adair, from Springfield, Ill., has been visiting Mt. Carroll friends of late.

Mrs. M. A. Hostetter Greenleaf, has joined her husband, Lieut. Greenleaf. They will spend the winter in Europe. We very much wish Mrs. Greenleaf would send one of her spicy letters to THE OREAD.

The address of Miss May Coon, is Sublette, Ill.

Miss Hattie O'Neal remains in Ft. Jones, California, this year.

Miss Vena Mackay has been visiting friends in Iowa.

Miss Ella Fish is engaged as teacher in one of the schools not far from her home. She always meets with success in her work, so finds no difficulty in obtaining schools.

Miss Ada Bailey, of Mt. Carroll, is writing in an office in Mendota, Wis.

Miss Lizzie Miller, formerly of Freeport, has gone east with her father intending to remain.

Miss Nettie Briggs, of Delavan, Wis., expects to teach in Nebraska this year. Her sister, Mrs. Duer, stopped at the Seminary, with her two children, when on her way home.

Mrs. Frankie Snow Lyman, with her two little girls, gave us a call not long since. Mrs. Lyman is still living in Oak Park.

Mrs. Mattie Cleveland Dibble is living in Albian, Michigan. Her sister, Effie Cleveland, is teaching in Burlington, Kansas.

Miss Lucina Benson, of Tiskilwa, is making a long visit with friends in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

During the past season, Miss Carrie White spent her vacation at her home in New York; Miss Mills, in St. Louis; Miss Clark divided the time between Alton and Chicago; Miss Kendall was in Vermont and Boston; Miss Leonard spent a few weeks in Chantauqua, N. Y.

and the remainder of the vacation in Bucyrus, Ohio. The other members of the faculty were either at the Seminary, or their homes in the vicinity.

The news that comes to us of the class of '79, is as follows: Lizzie and Lena Rupple have journeyed westward. At last accounts, they were stopping in Kansas. Miss Graham is in Chicago. Miss Rowe has charge of the Grammar Department of the public schools of Iowa Falls, Iowa. She has fifty pupils, and thoroughly enjoys her work, we hear. Miss Axtell is also teaching in Iowa. Miss M. E. Jones is at her home in Morris, busy in some way, we dare affirm, as we can not imagine her otherwise. Mrs. Nyman still calls the Seminary her home, and goes to Lanark twice a week to instruct a class in music. Ella Thompson has charge of the Music Department in Ewing College, and is the right one in the right place, a confidential friend tells us. Misses Chapman and Knowlton remain at the Seminary. Both are trying to make themselves useful in the class room, while they continue their work of self-improvement—the one at the piano and the other with her pen. Miss Wishon is reading medicine, intending, if she continues to feel interest in the study, to go to a medical college next year.

Mrs. Electa Spencer Clark, of Freeport, gave us a call in the summer. We also received calls later from Mrs. Mattie Harvey Strock and husband, of Sterling, Ill., and Mrs. Frank Shelly Marstin, of Savanna. Mrs. Strock and Mrs. Marstin were students iu the Mt. Carroll Seminary, in the years of '68 and 9.

Mrs. H. Tisdall Bright, formerly of Freeport, now of Denver, Colorado, sends a daughter to the Seminary this year; and Mrs. Louisa Wells McDearmon consigns two of her daughters to the care of Alma Mater. Mrs. Bright and Mrs. McDearmon were among the first students of our school.

We had the pleasure, near the opening of the school year, of receiving a visit from Mr. Andrew Downing, of Boone, Iowa. We cut from the Boone paper an account of his trip, and copy the same on another page of THE OREAD. Mr. Downing was among the students of long ago, and now brings to us a niece of his wife and a young friend, both of whom promise, by their conduct, to do credit to themselves and the school. Of the score or more of papers that come to our table each week, none wears a neater dress, or expresses purer sentiments, than the *Boone County Republican*, of which journal Mr. Downing is one of the editors and proprietors.

Not long since, Mr. and Mrs. Moffet, and earlier, Morris Rea, Esq., looked in upon us. Mrs. Moffet will be remembered as Miss Clara Heffelfinger.

Miss Martha Powell, class of '75, returned to Estey Institute, Raleigh, N. C. Miss Lilla Riley, of the same class, is writing in a bank in Kewanee, Ill.

We find, on our desk, the card of Sarah Hackett Stevenson, M. D., Palmer House, room 117, parlor floor, Chicago. The above will be remembered by a few, as a former schoolmate, but recognized by many more as one of the ladies who read a paper in the Woman's Congress, held lately in Madison, Wis. Mrs. Stevenson has an extensive practice, and is one of the professors in the Woman's Medical College in Chicago.

A Hint for the Girls.

A wood-engraver being asked why he did not employ women replied: "I have employed women very often, and I wish I could feel more encouraged. But the truth is, that when a young man comes to me and begins his work he feels that it is his life's business. He is to cut his fortune out of the little blocks before him. Wife, family, home, happiness, are all to be carved by his hand, and he settles steadily and earnestly to his labor determined to master it, and with every excitement spurring him on. He cannot marry until he knows his trade. It is exactly the other way with the girl. She may be as poor as the boy, and as wholly dependent upon herself for a living, but she feels that she will probaby be married by-and-by, and then she must give up wood-engraving. So she goes on listlessly, she has no ambition to excel; she does not feel that her happiness depends on it. She will marry, and then her husband's wages will support her. She may not say so, but she thinks so, and it spoils her work."

There is a sermon in this hint for girls, and not for them alone, but for fathers, mothers and teachers. To the boys, they say, in word and deed, you must be prepared to assume responsibility and care; but they seem to ignore the idea that life's burdens are to be just as heavy for the girls. Father and mother feel that it is a misfortune if daughter must support herself, a misfortune to be endured for as short a time as possible, while matrimony is looked to as her deliverer. With such an employment as a means of self support, is a temporary thing, and the girl works in an aimless, careless way, with little ambition to improve or excel. It would be far more sensible, we think, to train her from babyhood up with the idea that she must do something in order to be somebody; that she has no more business to be dependent than her brother. It is cruel to save her from all burdens, and then, powerless to help her, let them come with crushing weight. If she expects to marry into a life of care, how can you look for other than a fretful wife and mother when work and care come as they must to most. There is many a bitter awakening when father proves a bankrupt, brother a failure, and the inexorable *must* stares one in the face; still more bitter comes the awakening when husban loves his cup too well and the must shuts out all hope of any brighter future. How helpless she is! How bitterly she deplores her inefficiency! Do not be too tender of the daughters. Train them to do and bear, to be ambitious to improve and excel, as you would train your boys. Pity them too much in view of the possibilities, aye, of the probabilities of the future, to rob them of the discipline that will give strength and power.

School opened on the 11th day of September, with a fuller attendance than usual; it is now very full. The day was rather cloudy, and it may be that the cloudy day influenced the few cloudy faces that were seen; however, we do not think the girls looked more homesick than usual.

The wheels of school work have run very smoothly thus far, and we hope they will continue to do so. The old pupils who are not back, can imagine the girls walking down to the arbor gate and over the accustomed walks as they did in days past. We have the same corps of teachers who have tried, during the past year, to instill some knowledge into heedless minds, some goodness into careless hearts, and if they have not succeeded it is not their fault. The beautiful autumn was favorable to the preservation of Mrs. Shimer's flowers; for a long time the garden looked more brilliant than usual. Miss Joy still presides over school work, and has the management of us all, and we sometimes wonder what would become of us if she should leave, but we will not worry our hearts and heads over the future, but be happy in the present.

Mrs. Shimer seems to be as busy as ever since school has opened, but she grows not a day older in her noble work. We hope our paper will receive the clemency of its readers, and that it may prosper with the beginning of it's New Year. D. A.

The Blue and the Gray.

As a number of letters have been addressed to the Principal of the Seminary, wishing to know where the song, "The Blue and the Gray" can be obtained, I have thought best to insert this notice:

"The Blue and the Gray" is a pleasing song with easy accompaniment, and particularly adapted to low voices. Price 30 cts. Any one wanting this song can have it by sending 33 cents in postage stamps to B. F. Dearborn Hazzen, Mount Carroll Seminary, Carroll County, Illinois.

THE REPUBLIC OF IDEAS.

BY E. E. LEE.

Delivered at the Reunion of the Mt. Carroll Seminary Students, Tuesday, June 11, 1879.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—There is a little story in Henry Fielding's writings in which he describes Partridge at the play house. The play was Hamlet. Partridge was an ignorant rustic, who had never before been in a theatre. He watched the play with deep interest, was astonishment exemplified, and was full of emotion throughout. After the play's being ended, he was asked what part he liked best, and, with some appearance of indignation, replied: "The king, of course." He did not like Hamlet, because Hamlet did nothing more than he would have done under the same circumstances. "The king," he said, "was more stately in appearance, speaks all his words distinctly, half as loud again as the other." Partridge's mistake was, in that he took the stage for real life; scarcely thinking that he who portrayed best the emotions and common actions of men, was the better actor.

My friends, we, all of us, are constantly doing the same. We are apt to look upon the glitter of the stage as a scene in real life. We mistake shams for reality. Anything new draws our attention. Too many of us pursue phantoms. We are chasing butterflies, as it were. We are seeking after the pot of gold that hangs at the end of the rainbow. The trouble lies in not having a fixed purpose in life; in not being willing to work with the diligence that is necessary to buy true success. Genius is nothing more than the result of constant labor in one direction. The man of letters acquires his knowledge by the study of books. We wonder how Carlyle became the master mind of the century. We look into his life and find that it was nothing more than the result of hard, indefatigable toil. He did nothing more than other men can do, and is nothing more than others can be, if they are only willing to pay the price. Those who become heroes must first be martyrs. He who would win life's prizes, must bear its burdens. Life within the tropics is one of ease and plenty. There there is no necessity for work; food comes simply by the gathering, and there, also, are to be found none of the higher impulses. There is nothing to be desired in their lazy, indolent life. They furnish nothing new for humanity. Then, again, in the frozen North, the opposite phase is to be found. There labor becomes oppressive. It is such that will drive all the manhood from man. They, like their antipodes of the South, have none of the higher sentiments. They differ from them only in having the ability to toil.

But it is in our climate that these ennobling sentiments of man find the soil in which they can best grow. Here we partake of the nature of those of the torrid as well as those of the frigid zone; yet we pattern after neither. We must work to live, but this labor is not necessarily oppressive. It is not such that will drive the manhood from us. We here have time to think; time for intellectual improvement. It is in the temperate zone of the northern hemisphere that the higher civilization has always found its vantage ground. It is the necessary labor of the body that gives them strength to endure the mental culture; and it is this mental training that gives them discipline for higher development. As individuals grow, so do nations. Progress is the one word that marks the ages. The star of civilization and of empire has been in the ascendency ever since the world began. Change is the order of the Universe; yet each change leaves its stamp indeliby impressed upon the age; and each and every impression has remained and will remain as such to the last moment of recorded time. The thoughts of Homer, Pluto, Aristotle, Demosthenes and Cicero, still hover over, around, and all about us. Moses still lives in the ten commandments; Solon in his laws; Justinian in his pandects; Shakespeare in his dramas; Milton in his Paradise Lost and Regained. Bunyan lives in his Pilgrim's Progress; Byron in his Childe Harold; Scott in his novels; Pascal in his mathematics; Hamilton in his metaphysical disquisitions; Wellington in the remembrance of the battle of Waterloo; Washington in the hearts of the American people; and Webster in his orations in the United States Senate.

These men represent different ages and different phases of society, yet each one left his indellible stamp, contributed so much to the Republic of Ideas, to the domain of the human intellect.

But some one asks, "What is this Republic you speak of?" That I cannot answer. I can only say, it is a plant of long growth. Its fibers are the thoughts that live for all time; its cells are the thoughts that each age has given it. The larger are those of Egyptian, of Grecian and of Roman growth. The smaller are those of the barbaric and of the dark ages. It is now a plant of strong growth. Many and large are the cells now given it. Its roots are the thoughts that ante-date history. Is must be older than creation itself; for the universe must first have existed as a thought in the mind of the Creator before it could have existed as a reality. There must have been two creations; the one for the mind of God, the other for the eye of man. It is the same as with the inventor; he has two machines; the one existing in his mind, the other, modelled after the first, is made for the benefit of his fellows.

Aristotle claims that thought is the Deity itself, living and abiding within us. That we know nothing about. We only know that thought exists, yet we cannot prove its existence. We know, too, that it is within us and all about us; and, as I have said, constitutes the fiber and nerve cells of this great Republic of Ideas. As the plant cells draw their nourishment from the black soil and from the carbon of the air, so do the cells of this plant of ideas draw their nourishment from the ever living thoughts of the Creator, and from the changing thoughts of every age. The fibers of one side of the plant are those given to it by the inventions, another is made up of the recorded facts of history; a third of scientific research; a fourth part of the study of art. The center is made up of religious ideas. They constitute the heart. All are embraced in the one word, education.

They are all fostered in our great institutions of learning. The plant began its most rapid growth at the time of the revival of learning in the fifteenth century. It then fled from the monasteries, where it had been dwarfed and stunted for a thousand years, to the better soil of the Universities; and these have ever been the central trunks from which radiate all the branches. All those that have made progress in any of the departments, that have been ennobling lights, that have helped to lift humanity up, have received their influence, their inspiration, from these institutions of learning. They may never have had the chance of treading those sacred halls of the Seminary or College, but I mean the thoughts, the ideas that were so impressed on the minds of these reformers as to compel utterance, must have been fostered at the Universities. They are the heart, as it were, to all the modern free thinking. Each generation has contributed its quota to the Republic of Letters, and, as I said before, some ideas have lived for time immemorial. Indeed it is claimed that there is nothing new under the sun, that man cannot invent ideas, he simply discovers them. Be that as it may, the fact does not alter my proposition that some ideas have been known to man through all time; are known to the infant as familiarly as to the gray-haired patriarch; were known as well in the infancy of nations as now. Each generation, then, I say, has discovered certain of these hidden truths, and has recorded them for the benefit of future ages; thus giving rise to history. Among the ideas co-existent with man himself, is that of a religious belief. No people, however rude or barbarous, have existed but that they have had their God or gods of some kind; they have had some kind of religious belief; hence, I say, this is the core or heart of the plant to this Repuhlic. The Oriental people had their mythological deities; the Indian has his happy hunting ground. We believe in a hereafter, where sorrow and sin shall be known no more. We think we have the true belief. The Mohammedans think the same of theirs. We are all right and all wrong; right in that the same underlying principle pervade them all; wrong in that these principles are often set up as barriers, the one against the other.

Art, too, has contributed its quota to this Republic of Ideas. It was fostered in the beginning, and reached its highest development with the Greeks, when Phidias, Scopas, Praxiteles, carved their masterpieces. Rome borrowed its ideas from Greece, and modern Europe borrowed from Rome. It is true that Raphael, Michel Angelo, Leonardo Da Vinci, Titian, and such, were considered the founders of modern art, but they gained their ideas, their inspiration from the old.

The inventions, twin sisters of art, are likewise powerful in moulding the character of people; and they flourish best among those that have the higher grade of civilization. It takes brains to manufacture these needed implements, but when once invented they react and stimulate to higher industry. What two things have done more to make the civilization of the nineteenth century, such that we may well be proud of, than the steam engine and the spinning-jenny? The steam engine pushes hard behind us, but is pushing us onward and upward to a grander civilization. The labor-saving machinery compels men to leave the harder and more slavish kinds of toil; places it where one man can do the work of a hundred, thus leaving the ninety and nine to seek other and better fields of employment; to seek intellectual culture. and to rise higher in the plane of being.

Science opens the earth's crust, brings forth its treasures, and utilizes them for the benefit of man. It delves deep into the rocks, and there discovers truths long hidden. It studies the animal creation, explores the mountains, the seas, makes us to feel our littleness in comparison with the people and with the extent of our planet. It knows the compositions and the distances of the stars; knows their every movement with mathematical accuracy. It goes far beyond, into the milky-way, explores the Pleiades. It shows us the insignificance of our planet as compared with the immensity beyond. It then studies man himself; studies the structure, the composition of this organic body; knows every movement, every organ of this wonderful machine, and learns the relation that each sustains to the other. The highest ideal of art is to picture the human frame.

But, above all, this mind turns round and studies itself, speculates on the origin of things, of thought, of life, and of the dim beyond. Just think of the mind, in thought, turning round and studying itself, studying the ego or that from which thought originates. It is wonderful beyond human conception. We cannot realize this power of the mind any more than we can realize the boundlessness of the universe around us. It speaks to me something more than mortal for this mind, this ego. It speaks immortality. It tells me of an existence as enduring as are the heavens above us.

I have said that the thoughts of the great thinkers hover over and are all about us; that they are fostered in the universities and are recorded in the books. I say now that their inspiration is in the very air we breathe. All that a man does, lives after him, whether good or evil. This is an era of thought; a day of thinkers. Few are, however, original thinkers; too many are mere copyists from the old. This is a book-making age. A person could spend his whole time in simply reading the catalogues of books. Then our magazines, with their

many well-written articles, our newspaper literature, together with the public schools, carry the means of knowledge within the reach of nearly every fireside.

But, my friends, how are we to choose? How are we to select from this vast storehouse that which will best satisfy our own peculiar wants? We cannot read all, and if we could, it would be simply useless for us to do so. We cannot read all the books published, at best we can read but very few, and it is right that it is thus. But what books are to be read? In science we read those books that will give us the most information, those that are conceded to be authorities, that we can rely on. Those who would be good artists, study the works of the great masters. So in literature—those who would be its masters most study the masterpieces. Read such authors as are considered the very best, and only those. We should not only read them, but study them, seek to grasp the great thoughts of these minds, retain them to ourselves, assimilate them, make them our own, leave our stamp upon them, and then turn them over for the use of others. At best, we can master but a few thoughts in this short life of ours. The best educated men only learn enough to think themselves ignorant. It has been said, and truly too, that he knows most who knows least. The man who can neither read nor write, is apt to think himself better educated than do Darwin, Tyndall, or Huxley.

The world has had but few great and original thinkers. How we should reverence these thinkers as the God gifted men to humanity. They are the saviors of nations. They are the ones, who, knowing that human society, under the same circumstances, everywhere repeats itself; know the past; and from the past, with its relation to the present, can predict the future, and thus throw the people on their guard as to what will be the best action to pursue in order to avert social and political calamities.

Now, my friends, what is our mission in this vast Republic of Ideas? What is yours? What is mine? Thousands of men and women go forth from the halls of learning full of the inspiration that contact with the best minds can give them. What is their mission in this Republic of Ideas? There is yet room to work. Very little has been discovered in comparison with what is yet to be explored. Yet we can be diligent, pursue one line, perhaps to its end; and may be we can add one new thought to the storehouse of knowledge. It is said that he who discovers one new idea or does one good act is a benefactor to his race. Few men are so successful as to discover even this one new idea. The reason is they do not try. No age has had the advantages that ours now has. We have all the discoveries, all the explorations, and the experiences of all time at our command and let us profit by them.

This knowledge, however, will do us no good if we keep it under lock and key in the store house of the mind. We must impart it to others. For, in so doing, we may not only set some other mind on the right track of forethought, but this will react on ourselves, and give us a higher discipline, a better culture, that will enable us to grapple more knowledge to impart to our fellows. Each generation learns from the one preceding, and gives to the one following. It is our duty to do what we can in this connect that perhaps we can set some mind on the track to fame, at least to the plain of better culture. Let us do what we can for humanity, and

So live, that when thy summons come to join
The innumerable caravan that moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry-slave at night
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Women as Physicians.

No observant person can fail to admit that all the larger cities of America contain many female practitioners, who, despite their general lack of attainments and proper qualifications for the profession of medicine, are on the average as well patronized as those of the other sex. We have reached that absurd stage—and the sooner we recognize it the better—when the burning question is no longer, "Shall women be allowed to practice medicine?" They are practicing it, not by ones or twos, but by hundereds; and the only problem now is, Shall we give them opportunities for studying medicine before they avail themselves of the already acquired right of practicing it? It is clearly the interest of the community to give to women the fullest instruction in accordance with the most approved systems and under the most eminent teachers; and also that their proficiency should be tested by the most rigid ordeals before they finally receive certificates. By a recognition of these certificates, and their comparative values, the community would be able to protect itself from the impositions of ignorant or fraudulent pretenders to medical knowledge.—*James R. Chadwick in International Review for October.*

We felt that a philanthropist had spoken when we read of this gentleman's zeal in freeing the world of female quacks. "It is clearly the interest of the community to give the women the fullest instruction in accordance with the most approved system and under the most eminent teachers." We respond with a hearty, Methodistic, Amen. "And that the proficiency should be tested by the most rigid ordeal before they finally receive certificates." Again, we respond. We like to have things done thoroughly, and especially when a woman is to pass the ordeal, but might it not possibly be well to hint gently, very gently, to some of the male practitioners, that perhaps it would be a good thing for them to have a little instruction "under to most eminent teachers?" Would it be too severe, (we put this with great caution) too severe, we ask hesitatingly, that these masculine aspirants to an M. D., should "be tested by the most rigid ordeals before they finally receive certificates?" We merely mention this, because it is suggested to us, that possibly the community would be the better "able to protect itself from the impositions of ignorant or fraudulent pretenders to medical knowledge."

A Pleasant Trip.

We copy the following from the *Boone County Republican*, of Boone, Iowa:

"We made a brief but pleasant visit last week to our old home in Carroll county, Illinois, after an absence of six years. Mt. Carroll, the county seat, is one of the prettiest towns in the west. It has a population of about 2,500, and they are a wide-awake, thrifty and intelligent people. Our spare time was mostly spent with our "uncles and our cousins and our aunts," to use a Pinaforic phrase, but we took occasion to call upon a few friends, some of them the playmates of our boyhood. We dropped in upon W. D. Hughes, editor and proprietor of the *Mirror*, whom we found at work at the case, and with whom we had a pleasant visit. Mr. H. makes a readable paper, and one well worthy the support of the people of Carroll. Passing farther up Market street, we entered the office of the *Herald*. Frank J. Sessions, the editor, formerly connected with the press of Cedar Rapids, in this State, extended a fraternal welcome, and made us feel at home at once. Messrs. Sessions & Hollinger are making an excellent paper, one of the best on our exchange list, and one whose weekly visits we prize most highly. Both papers referred to above are Republican in politics. But the institution that has given Mt. Carroll a wider reputation abroad than any other enterprise she has within her limits, is the seminary established there twenty-six years ago, and still under the management of the same principal, Mrs. F. A. W. Shimer, whose quick intelligence, admirable business tact and unusual executive ability have built up one of the most successful schools of a high order to be found in the west. Twenty-three years ago last winter, we were a student in the seminary. Then both boys and girls were admitted to its privileges, but a few years later the number of scholars had so increased that there was not room for all, and it was converted into a seminary for young ladies exclusively. The buildings are large, spacious and elegant, perfectly adapted to the purposes for which they were built. The grounds, containing some twenty-five acres, are planted to fruit trees, vineyards, shrubbery and flowers, the whole tastefully laid out and adorned with all the skill of the landscape gardener's art. It is in all respects a beautiful place. Mrs. Shimer planned the buildings, made the contracts for their erection, superintended the work, kept the accounts, paid the workmen, and she conducts the whole financial business of the school with consummate skill and ability. She is ably seconded in this work by Miss Ada C. Joy, associate principal, and by the best and most experienced professors and teachers in every department of the school. Every provi-ion has been made for the care and comfort of pupils, and for their thorough and complete instruction in all the branches usually taught in a first-class seminary. The musical department is especially complete, some five or six of the best instructors both in vocal and instrumental music being employed. In short, it is one of the best institutions of its class anywhere, and is fully deserving of its wide and ever increasing popularity. The attendance this year promises to be larger than ever before. The teachers and pupils issue a quarterly magazine, THE OREAD, a sprightly publication devoted to the interests of the school. Copies are sent gratis to all applicants who desire further information in regard to the school.

An ancient legal tender—Matri-money.

A NIGHT THOUGHT.

BY H. O. KNOWLTON.

The Heavenly Home seems less remote to him,
Who, looking forth of nights, can see the stars,
Like lamps at household windows set by friends,
Who smile on one another hopefully, and say—
Perhaps the one we love may come
To port this night, and he shall see how we,
Who dwell in happy safety on the shore,
Take tender thought for him by day and night;
Or, if it be he may not anchor yet,
Who knows but now his ship is flitting by
And he looks yearning shoreward for the lights
Of home? Or yet, perchance, one almost wrecked,
With broken mast and tattered sail and helm
Unpiloted, may float in sight and drop
An anchor, seeing land so near, who thought
No help could ever come again to him.
We may not know, and it may even be
That we shall see, some morning in our midst,
The face of him whom all men counted lost;
Lost long ago, and he shall tell in phrase
Of grateful joy, how, riding fast and free
The wanton billows of a wanton will,
He, glancing shoreward, with no thought of home,
Saw lights he loved in boyhood set in old
Familiar ways, as if no change had come
Since some, he knew, were placed with thoughts of him,
Which made him homesick for his father's house.
What matters who he be? the shore is home
For all, and all are farers on the deep,
And dangers compass all, and all have hearts,
That long, sometimes, most wearily for home.
O, it is comforting to such as know
What 'tis to toss and toil for many days,
To see, at night, those lights that seem so near,
And think the ones we love, whom God has blessed,
Dwell safe at Home, though we be wanderers still.

Sketches from an Emigrant's Day Book.

Were ever any of the readers of THE OREAD emigrants?—not emigrants of the new-fashioned rushing, dirty, smoky car style, but real *old*-fashioned emigrants, going across the country in covered wagons. If not, you must take the first opportunity and start out. No, we'll modify that somewhat. If your first opportunity is, leaving a good home in a good part of the land, (Carroll Co., Ill., for instance) to take your chances growing up with a new, untried country, then I say wait; wait, till it is your privilege to travel in this way mostly for pleasure. Then you know of the country through which you pass, and what is more enjoyable, may know something of its people.

For an outfit, your necessities are, a light spring wagon well covered, a lively team of mules, one of the new camp stoves, and a watch dog that won't forget to bark in time of danger. Whatever else you may neglect in making up your outfit, don't pass by the mules. You can't imagine, unless you've had the experience, what a constant source of surprise and amusement a mule may be. The grace and calmness with which he will describe semi-circles in and out of the road, jump a ditch, shy round a hole in the bridge, get over the tongue, shake off a great green fly and "take in" the rawhide, would do ample justice to the advanced philosophy of this nineteenth ceutury. However, these are auxiliaries. Your principle enjoyment will be, the keen appetite for food, the glorious country, and the generous hearted people.

It was my good fortune, through the kind invitation of their parents, to accompany Lena and Lizzie Rupple, (class of '79) through the State of Iowa, in their journey westward to their new home. Our party numbered eight; nine with faithful, intelligent old watch dog, "Rove." Poor old Rove! too feeble to walk, too faithful to be left behind, he was carried out west to die. Two days after leaving the Mississippi, we encountered an army of mosquitoes that threatened to maim us for the remainder of our journey. There could be no truce and no surrender, so the fight continued, we, trying only

"To keep the little *blood we had*,
Till the coming of the moon."

A few days after this, while at Mount Vernon, a heavy storm coming up thro' the night, gave most of us a drenching. It was laugable in the morning to see each one crawling from his wagon looking so *clingy*. We camped over a day to dry our bedding. Visited a district school near by, saw the fine new chapel building of the college (Cornell), and scoured the woods for wild berries. The next town brought us a fresh supply of oilcloth, so we were never troubled again in that direction. Found Cedar Rapids a minature Chicago in business. The pork packing house, wagon shops, and numerous mills employing hundreds of men. Marshalltown, we considered the most beautiful place on the route, and in spite of a little disturbance by the city roughs, enjoyed our stay over Sunday exceedingly. Attended service and Sunday school there. At Des Moines, we unexpectedly spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening with Miss Nettie Sprague in her beautiful home. Nettie sends her love to all her Seminary friends. Visited the new State House building, a magnificent affair, though not nearly finished; also visited the coal mines near the city. Winterset, the county seat of Madison, is a thriving place on the terminus of a branch of the R. I. R. R. At Shenandoah, bade "good-bye" to uncle's family, very sorry that I could not go with them to the end of the journey. Spent several happy days with the Wikoff sisters in their elegant, hospitable home in Hamburg. All who attended the Seminary in '77, will remember the Wikoff sisters. Miss Nannie, having finished the literary and musical course at Lexington, Mo., employs her time book-keeping in her father's office. Misses Sallie and Lizzie are now in their senior year at Lexington. They send love to all the teachers, particularly "dear Miss Mills." By the way, the Mt. Carroll Seminary is well and favorably known through Iowa. Had the pleasure of meeting Miss Sadie Jacobs, also one of the jolly "Sem." girls. While at Hamburg, climbed the high clay bluffs lying on the west side of the town, and looked across the "Mighty Missouri," and the beautiful rich country lying along its banks. You never weary looking at the country anyhow. The almost endless prairie, beautiful homes well protected by artificial groves of walnut and maple, great fields of corn and wheat, long stretches of open prairie feeding large herds of cattle, here and there a busy town, and perhaps a deep banked stream, (they call creeks rivers in Iowa) winding along, and nearly always the noisy old steam engine. Then the kind people! How they can be so kind to strangers is surprising. The main roads are traveled almost constantly in the spring and fall months. I think it may be explained in what the kind old lady said who gave us milk for nothing. "No, I couldn't charge you for that milk; I was once an emigrant myself, and who knows, I may be again." The privilege was allowed me of going to the nearest house for milk. This pleased me very much, for I had a peep into a good many pleasant homes. "Come in and take a chair." "Yes, you can have milk." Where are you from, and where are you bound for?" So in turn I could question. "Yes, I like it here better than any place in the wide world, although we've had no crop for four years till this year." This was said by a young woman living in a little cozy log cabin. There was my Hoosier friend. "Get milk? I reckon ye can. Jist cum in, an' see if we've any wimmin folks round. My wife's red-headed; reckon ye'll find her." The woman very kindly said milk was plenty and went to the

spring house to get it for me. In the meantime my friend, sitting in front of the door with his nine promising boys sitting around him, interviewed me. "Cum from Northern Illinoy, hey? Wal, I kin tell ye, ye've the *meanest* set of people thar I ever cum across. Why, they can't 'commodate a feller in the least. I cum through thar some twenty-five year ago, from old Indianny, an' I jis' tell ye what, I fairly suffered. Hope you'll excuse me, but be that the initials uv yer name on that breast-pin (pointing to my "class-pin.") "I Serve?" Wal, now, what does that *mean*, anyhow?" This was a question that staggered me for some time; finally, mustering up courage, I said: "If your school is without a teacher, and you give liberal wages, I'm ready to "serve."" Then came a lecture on "school-marms" that I was hardly prepared for. His opinion of them, as a class, being very much below par. I showed my lack of knowledge of human nature by differing from him; and during the conversation, he asked the question: "Wal, what *be* you made of, anyhow?" Here was another sticky question. However, the milk came, and I started to go. "Say, now; I've got a three-year old colt in the barn that'l beat anything you've got in Northern Illinoy. Jis' cum out and see him." Well, I went and observed all the fine points as they were explained, in an odd looking animal he called a "trotter." "Charge ye for the milk? D'yd think I'd be so mean? Cum agin an' git all ye want."

There were the quiet, quaint people of little Edenville who came to visit the "campers." There happened to be there, a gentleman and his wife, who were holding a musical convention, who kindly called and invited us to the evening session of their school. Of course, we went and enjoyed it, too. So it was every place we went—often meeting the familiar faces of childhood. At Ames, we enjoyed a visit to the State Agricultural College. The pleasing landscape, the re-union with old friends, the hearty "God speed" from entire strangers and the enthusiasm of camp life, makes one feel better—in fact, you thank God you live.

VENA MACKAY.

Teachers' Association.

We clip the following from the Savanna *Times:*

The first meeting of the school year was held in Mt. Carroll, Oct. 11th, and proved to be an unusually interesting occasion. A large number of persons attended both the afternoon and evening session. J. W. Hallett, of Mt. Carroll, made "A Text from Wodsworth" a very interesting theme, and received the pleased attention of all present. Prof. Hursh brought up the question of School Supervision. His paper demanded that the public schools receive thorough and constant supervision from a superintendent who shall be paid for devoting ALL his time to his office. The subject was ably discussed by Prof. Oldt, who cited as an argument in favor of school supervision, the conclusion arrived at in comparing the results of the present school system with those of a time when every school was free to run in any direction which the secular hobby of the teacher might suggest. Prof. Cotton believed it to be better to abolish the office of county superintendent, than to pay that officer for a term of service in which it would be utterly impossible to do the work WELL. The expression was warmly seconded by Prof. Wadsworth, of Oregon, whose earnest words were a source of very good cheer to all engaged in teaching. Mr. Putland, of Lanark, in an essay on "The Pilgrim Fathers," presented many points of interest to the student of history. Without doubt the most practical exercise of the session was the paper of Miss Leonard, of the Mt. Carroll Seminary. Under the guise of a story of a week spent in the school room, it presented rules of action in perplexing cases of discipline, and hints as to the teaching of good principles, written in such simple and forcible language as to afford a valuable example to those who are seeking to gain a knowledge of literary composition.

A very large audience assembled in the evening. Three elements contributed to the enjoyment of the meeting—the music, an essay, and an address. The first was under the direction of Mr. Schaale, a young man whose musical abilities are the subject of much favorable comment in Mt. Carroll. He was assisted by Misses Fisher and Vandagrift, and Messrs. Becker and Metcalf. Miss Flansburg's essay—"Salt -Without Prescribing How Much"—was a very happy effort, and was thoroughly appreciated. It was in the main a plea for higher culture on the part of the teacher. Prof. Wadsworth gave the address. It was his third appearance before a Carroll county audience, and only strengthened the opinion that he is one of the ablest teachers and orators in this part of our State. His address was warmly applauded. Subject—"The Mission of Culture!" It is earnestly hoped Prof. W. will not let this be his last address before the teachers of Carroll county.

Where to go to School.

We clip the following from the *Farm and Live Stock Journal*, Des Moines, Iowa:

Where and how shall we give our daughters an education that will fit them for the grave duties of life in coming years, is a serious question to parents. The sending of a young girl from home to school is a question well to be considered, attended, as it is, with her removal from paternal restraint and care, at the very age when they are most needed; an entire change, to most, in the daily habits of living, subjecting to new associations and laborious habits of study, which if they are to profit by, need to be controlled by judicious judgment and supervising care, both as to mental and physical capabilities and needs. It is a decisive step in the formation of character for life, and may well receive the most thoughtful deliberation.

Among the many institutions offering to young ladies the advantages desirable for educational purposes, Mt. Carroll Seminary, located at Mt. Carroll, Illinois, has attained a position second to none within our knowledge. This school was established in 1853, and has since continued under the care of the same principal, Mrs. F. A. W. Shimer. First opening with eleven pupils the school has experienced a steady growth, requiring repeated additions to its buildings, until last year a new building, nearly doubling the accommodations, and containing all modern improvements for the comfort and convenience of the pupils, was completed. The record of the Seminary in regard to health, is pointed to by the proprietors with a just feeling of satisfaction, only two deaths having occurred in the twenty-seven years of its existence, among the pupils, and sickness but very rarely.

The course of study embraces a thorough drill in all the branches usually taught in similar institutions, each department being under the care of competent instructors. To those who wish to perfect themselves in music especial advantages are offered in the Conservatory of Music attached to the school.

The expenses of attendance at Mt. Carroll are placed at the lowest possible figure, and to enable those desirous of its advantages, but wishing to lessen expenses, a system of manual labor, optional to all, has been instituted by which this end may be met. Those desirous of further information may address, Financial Manager, Mt. Carroll Seminary, Carroll Co., Ill.

MISS MARTHA POWELL, of the class of '75, has been a teacher for the past three years in the Shaw University, located in Raleigh, N. C. Those of us who know her feel that Shaw University has found in her a real helper. We are proud that our school has sent out such a one to work among the colored people of the South. We requested Miss Powell to send us a paper for THE OREAD. She asks to be represented by an article written by one of their assistant pupils. We very gladly copy below this article from *The African Expositor:*

Colored Woman Emancipated.

BY MISS SUSIE A. FULLER.

[*Essay Read at Commencement.*]

To be kept in bondage and not allowed its freedom, the caged bird pines away and dies. The mind when confined to narrow limits feels its strength decreasing.

The little plant when kept down by some heavier shrub, grows sickly and deformed.

Since this is true, consider for a moment the former condition of the colored women of the South.

Fifteen years ago they were held as domestic property, and were taught by

their owners that this was God's purpose, and that He would only bless and reward them by their being faithful servants, forbidding them to seek any higher plane of life.

If they even attempted to elevate themselves, and their masters discovered it, they were severely punished, and taught that God cared less for them than for the white race, and that they were endowed with inferior mental abilities.

How despairing the feelings of a poor enslaved mother, who dared not show her love for her child! The wife who dared not weep at the sale of her husband! The sister who feared to grasp the hand of her departing brother, so cruelly snatched from her side!

Hath God any respect of persons?

He endowed the colored women with as much natural ability as those who held them as slaves. It is true their talent was not developed. They were not allowed even to study the rudiments of knowledge; but instinct taught them that they could not only be educated, but could be skilled in science and literature.

It also taught them that God cared for them as for any other people. And they believed that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." They thought surely God would set them free if they prayed to Him. They endured long and suffered much, but continued to pray. At length the clouds began to break; the cannon's thundering roar was heard.

It was the voice of Jehovah, saying, "Let my oppressed people go!"

The enslaved mother no longer toiled under the yoke of bondage, but was permitted to go free and make her home wherever she would. It is true she was destitute of means, but her faith in God was strong.

Years have now passed, and have her earnest faith, her fond hopes been realized?

Yea, more—a thousand times more! Her sons and daughters to-day are being trained in college and seminary, and are not only able to use their own language with correctness and propriety, but can tell of the mighty deeds of ancient heroes, in the language of their own time.

Greek, Latin, Mathematics and the Natural Sciences are branches of study which they are successfully pursuing? And are they willing to stop here? No! Their aspirations are still higher.

Is this mere theory or fancy? Look at yonder seminary. Not long since a gentleman of culture and an eminent linguist was present at a Latin recitation, and remarked, on leaving, his gratification in listening to such excellent pronunciation of the Latin, correct knowledge of the grammar and accurate translation. His companion, a distinguished minister from the North, after visiting the various departments, remarked that he was forced to change all his former theories in regard to the mental ability of the colored race, although he was a man of Southern birth.

Thus, as a certain poet has said:

"Truth comes to us with slow and doubtful step, measuring the ground she treads on. And with a keen survey, choosing her onward path." It has also been said by another: "That a smooth sea never made a skillful mariner." And truly, the dark storm of adversity through which the colored woman of the South has passed, has aroused her energies, and she has acquired a loftiness of purpose and a moral heroism that is already telling upon her race.

And now, what of the future?

Shakespeare says, "The purest treasure mortal times afford, is spotless reputation. That a'ways men are gilded, loam or painted clay." So, the choicest treasure of all to emancipated colored woman is her reputation. A gem dearer far than life. And now that she has it in her power she will enshrine it as the most sacred Goddess in her Temple of Liberty.

Then her home will become a sanctuary in which she will reign high priestess. Purity and virtue will be its brightest ornaments. Nurtured in such an atmosphere, her children will grow "like Olive plants around her table" and will "rise up and call her blessed." From the home will go forth an influence that will permeate society with its elevating power. But, will she rest here? Nay! Taking her life in her hands, she will follow examples such as that of the noble Mrs. Judson, enduring privation, danger and suffering. And will rejoice to lay her body down to rest in a foreign clime, for the sake of the dear privilege of bearing the glorious tidings of a Saviour's love to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. As she has now freely received, so she will freely give, and thus, upon other shores, she will join her more favored sisters, and with them bear *her* part in the *great work* of seeking to redeem those who are now bound in the fetters of heathenism and bringing them into the liberty wherewith Christ hath made *her* free.

Estey Seminary.

Social Science.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

As one item of business which is of special importance to every member of the Illinois Social Science Association was omitted in the report of last week, we ask attention to this additional record.

Keeping in view the greatest good of the greatest number, and recognizing the importance of having all philanthropic work done gratuitously, several representative women have pledged their editorial services to the *Social Science Journal*, provided the members of the association will co-operate with them to the extent of securing 2,000 subscribers, so that the subscription price of the *Journal* can be reduced to fifty cents a year.

In case 2,000 pledges are secured by by the 1st of January, 1880, the following editorial committee were elected by the association to take editorial control of the *Journal*, the labor and responsibility of the several departments to be apportioned out as follows:

Department of Education—Mrs. C. E. Larned, Superintendent of Schools, Champaign County.

Philanthropy—Mary Allen West, Superintendent of Schools, Knox County.

Household Science—Mrs. Harriet J. Willard.

Literature—Professor Lou Allen Gregory.

Government—Miss Ellen Martin.

Music and Art—Mesdames Root and Smith.

The Department of Sanitary Science to be provided for hereafter.

Persons wishing to subscribe for the paper under such management will please send their subscriptions—not the money, but subscriptions—to the Corresponding Secretary, Prof. Lou Allen Gregory, Champaign, Ill.

To clubs of 100 a still greater reduction will be made.

All persons interested in securing this reduction in the price of the paper, thus placing it within the reach of a greater number, will enlist in the work of securing subscriptions at once.

We clip the above from the *Inter-Ocean* of October 11. We would direct especial attention to the ladies elected as editorial committee. They are truly representative women, and such as will give character to any work to which they may give their energies. The *Social Science Journal* has been ably conducted thus far, and merits the support of every true woman. With the added strength of this editorial corps, we anticipate for this work a largely increased influence. We hope some one or more of our old students in every city, village and settlement may take hold of the work to help secure the requisite number of subscribers that will insure the services of the above editorial committee. Write at once to the Secretary for sample copies, and lose no time in canvassing for subscribers to the *Social Science Journal*.

Matrimonial.

Boulder advices announce the marriage, on Sunday evening last, of Alex. J. Elder and Miss R. Preston, the ceremony taking place at Good Templar's Hall, on the occasion of a called meeting of the Boulder Star Lodge. No invitations were issued, but it was generally understood that at 9:30 o'clock the doors of the hall would be thrown open and all who desired could enter and witness the ceremony. A very large number availed themselves of this privelege, and the hall was soon packed full, numbers of friends coming from Butte, Jefferson City, and other places, and swelling the Valley concourse. The groom is personally or by reputation known to thousands of our readers. He is a gentleman of character and culture, whose attention to business and mining affairs has not separated him entirely from public matters, or denied the indulgence of his literary tastes. The bride is an accomplished and gifted lady, with whom we have also the pleasure of an acquaintance. She is a daughter of Samuel Preston, Esq., of Mount Carroll, Ill., and came to the Territory last spring to take charge of the Boulder school. We once mentally said, if indeed we did not express it in so many words, that lady teachers coming to Montana were seldom allowed to depart, except as they were snatched away as brides, and transferred from

school room to hearth stone. The happy event at Boulder calls for congratulations which we are especially glad, in this particular case, to express. Gifts and presents, not uncommon to occasions of this kind, were largely omitted for once, in deference to the known wishes of the excellent couple. The HERALD joins a multitude of friends in good wishes.—Helena, (Montana) *Herald*, September 4th.

Our opportunities are few for dropping care and work. We found none through the hot summer months of July and August, so we joyfully hailed the one offered late in October. With something of the light-heartedness that comes to school girls in vacation, we turned our faces westward, feeling quite confident that the machinery of school, already in running order, would continue to move with but comparatively little friction while in the hands of our efficient co-workers. Although we tried to do a little for ourselves as educators, by obtaining hints while visiting some of the leading institutions of learning in the west, our prime object was to make our trip a promoter of health, and the means of renewing some of the friendships of other days.

Our road, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, took us over one of the most attractive parts of Iowa. The scenery, together with the fair sky and bright sunshine that greeted us at every point, contributed not a little to our feeling of good cheer. Although we arrived in Des Moines at an unseasonable hour, we received from Mr. Kling, a most hearty greeting before we hardly stepped from the cars, and one not a whit less hearty from Mrs. Kling when we reached her home. Mrs. Kling, per chance, will need introduction to some of the readers of THE OREAD, as the name may not suggest to them, the Amelia Moore of Seminary fame, well-known to the comers and goers for a long series of years. She came among us as a little girl, and went from us to seek her fortune, as a young woman. Time works many changes, but we can hardly realize that our Amelia is mistress of a home. We had heard that she made a very excellent teacher. We think, in the light of later developments, that possibly the County Superintendent may have been partial in his report of her success, but however that may be, we need no *report* to acquaint us with the fact that she is a superior housekeeper. The taste, judgment and common sense exhibited on every side, bore testimony that she possesses that accomplishment so rare among young women of to-day. We understand that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction chose Mr. Kling as his deputy because his was the only perfectly accurate report out of ninety-nine sent in by county superintendents. We do not suppose Amelia chose her husband on exactly the same principle, but we are quite confident that that little deceiver, Cupid, did not succeed in blinding her judgment when she gave away her heart and her hand. But we must not particularize too much. Before we had had time to hear the half of Amelia's reminiscences, filled with, to us, almost forgotten events, we were saying good-bye, and looking forward to meeting one of "the girls" of still longer ago.

We sped away over the prairies of Iowa, nodded it adieu at Transfer—that place so suggestive of American spirit and enterprise—crossed the far-famed muddy Missouri, caught a glimpse of wide-awake Omaha, and went whirling along towards Lincoln, Neb. We reminded ourselves occasionally that we were "way out West," but saw nothing suggestive of Western wilds. We were not quite prepared, however, for the bustle and business, exhibited on every hand, as we reached Lincoln; not prepared to see a city of 10,000 inhabitants, with public institutions on a par with some of the country's best. Either we saw Lincoln under unusually favorable circumstances—and our vision was affected by our immediate surroundings—or it really is a charming city. But we did not intend to tell our readers so much of the place as of some of its people, particularly the inmates of a certain cozy nook on the city's boundary line. What a warm grasp of the hand, and what a joyful welcome we received! How royally we were entertained, and how soon, like an old time friend, seemed our stranger host! What delightful rides we had as we visited the State University, the Insane Asylum, the State's Prison, and how we enjoyed the long talks of other days and other scenes! How odd it seemed to be in Lincoln, Neb., the guests of Nona. But that reminds us we have not told our readers who are extending to us the hospitalities of their home. Could they have accompanied us, a few might have recognized in the "head of the house," the former Principal of the Mendota High School; and, in the lady by his side, a former assistant, called at the Seminary some dozen years ago, Nona Branch. Our host is no longer in the school work, but is known to Lincoln people as a lawyer, of the firm of Hunter & Sawyer. His former co-worker continues his assistant, but in a broader, stronger sense than of yore. We soon are assured that the natural business ability of Mr. Sawyer, coupled with mental discipline previously acquired, together with his industry and perseverance, guarantee to him success in his chosen profession. And what of the help-meet? What has she not done in doors and out, with books and pen? Now, lending a helping hand at the office, now with bees, or fruit, or flowers, and now translating French, or solving problems in mathematics when resting from household duties. In these later days, the odd moments are filled in, developing the powers of a little stranger who has been welcomed to their home as an adopted son. While attending vigorously to the business of life, Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer are planning for its comforts. They have nine acres of land on the out-skirts of the city, containing fruit of every kind to be found in that locality, and ornamented with shrubs, trees, flowers and fountain. In time, they will have a charming home.

We were most agreeably surprised when in Lincoln, by meeting one of the cheery, courageous women the Seminary has sent out—Mrs. Addie Lilly Teeter. We so regretted we were too late in finding each other, to allow us to visit her home out of the city.

We regretted, too, so much, we could not accept the hearty invitation of Dr. Harry Hostetter and wife, and Mrs. Reikard, of Mitchelville, Iowa; also, the one of Mrs. Mary Pepoon How, of Elk Creek, Neb., and Mr. George Thummel, of Grand Island; regretted, too, that we could not return the visit of Mrs. Alice Briggs Duer, of Pawnee City.

As we think of our girls, and boys, scattered all over our land, filling places of trust, honor and usefulness, our hearts swell with gratitude, and we gather new strength and courage as we take up again life's toil and care.

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For The Oread.

CHAUTAUQUA.

G. F. LEONARD.

The holiday idea is, in America, of comparatively recent development. Formerly it was supposed to be only the rich, the frivolous, or the indolent, who systematically treated themselves to a summer vacation. Many a hard working man or woman has said with pride or pain, "I never went on a pleasure excursion in my life." Of late years, there has been a growing conviction that the workers are the ones who need rest and vacation, and that there is positive material economy in heeding the demand of nature, which bids us turn aside from the rut of every day vocation and obtain amid other scenes and purer airs, new material to supply the waste of brain and nerve and muscle. Hence, have sprung up a large number of summer resorts; supported not merely by the patronage of the wealthy, but by that of all classes of society. Among these, we single out Chautauqua, as one whose name has a power to thrill not possessed by that of Saratoga, Newport or Long Branch. It is indeed a magic word to many thousands scattered everywhere over the broad area of our continent.

It means to all, Chautauqua, not merely air, washed clean of all impurities, sparkling water surrounded by emerald shores, wooded hills and grassy slopes; it means all these, but, more than all, entertainment, instruction, inspiration, new worlds opened to one's gaze, a succession of delights.

The lake, whose shores have attained a fame now almost world-wide, as the soil upon which has been developed the "Chautauqua idea," is situated in the south-west corner of the Empire State, only seven miles south of Lake Erie. It is twenty miles long, and from two to five miles wide, having a construction in the middle from which it obtained its name meaning Saddle-bags. At its southern extremity stands the city of Jamestown, and at its northern, the town of Maysville, while on the east is the little village of Dewittville. The lake is thirteen hundred feet above the level of the sea; and hence, has long been a favorite resort for sufferers from hay fever and kindred complaints. It's shores are dotted with hotels, which in summer, are crowded with guests; while camping grounds are seen here and there, from the single lodge of some solitary hunter, to the score of white tents erected as the tempoary home of some pleasure party. The surface of the lake is traversed by steam boats, carrying from one hundred and fifty, to three hundred passengers; also, by steam yachts and other small crafts, including numberless skiffs, all of which are liberally patronized by the summer dwellers upon the shore.

By night or by day, the views on the lake are always lovely. The low banks, in some parts covered with thick woods, slope gracefully to the water's edge; and here and there the line of bank is scarcely distinguishable from the mass of green where grow the rushes and the water lilies. The shore line is very rugged, jutting out into numerous capes and narrow points, many of them crowned with houses of good cheer. If our trip is made by night, we watch with interest the gleaming lights of each hotel as our steamer rounds up to it's wharf for an exchange of passengers. Pursuing our way up the lake, on the western bank, we approach long rows of lights, some of them so dazzling that we know at once they must be the famed electric lights. We need not see the name above the wharf to know that this is Chautauqua, or as it was formerly called, Fair Point.

We shall do well to spend the first day of our stay at Chautauqua, in looking about us; for as surely as we once venture within the charmed circle of the Amphitneatre, the Children's Temple, or the Hall of Philosophy, we shall find ourselves bound with a spell which will lead us there at least three times a day, so long as we remain at the Point. A city in the woods, is Chautauqua, and a city set in part upon a hill, and partly on the point sloping down and jutting out into the lake. It's center is the Auditorium, or old camp meeting ground, around which cottages are closely built, and from which avenues go in all directions. These avenues are lined with cottages of all descriptions, from the rough board "shanty," to the artistic villa of no insignificant dimensions. Back in the woods are tents of various kinds; some of which disclose through open doors, so many of the luxuries of home, that one feels it hardly fair that the Lares and Penates should thus invade the precincts of the nymphs of the wood. Here is a group of three large tents of weather beaten canvas. Upon the verandah of one are a pair of sheet iron cook stoves; and over them two bright eyed damsels, enveloped in kitchen aprons, are engaged in the work of getting dinner. These are the tents of Lewis Miller's Normal Class, from Akron, Ohio. That is occupied by the gentlemen, the other by the ladies, while this is the dinner tent. As here and there, we come upon lovely little lodges, whose white canvas gleams through the trees or surprises us at some turn of a ravine, we exclaim, "How goodly are thy tents, O, Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O, Israel!" The dwellers in tabernacles, however, are few in number compared with those in cottages, for every such edifice fairly swarms with occupants. It was estimated that ten thousand people were residing upon the grounds at one time last summer.

How so many people can come together, and amid strange surroundings feel so safe, good natured and happy, is a matter of surprise to new-comers. When the night bell rings, the Chautauquan locks his tent door with a string, or bolts it with a pin, and retires to rest, fearing nought in regard to the safety of his property, or the security of his slumbers. This confidence is not misplaced; for, however loquacious or frolicsome his neighbors may be, they are kept in check by Chautauqua's regulations, which demand absolute quiet, between the hours of half-past ten and six. That so many people can occupy such limited space, is accounted for by the observation, that the average man has not brought the whole of himself to the Assembly. All that is crabbed or selfish or ill-natured has been left behind, and only generous, obliging people are found, who seem to delight to extend to one another Chautauqua's hospitalities.

The main object of our first ramble, is to see the different assembly buildings. Largest and most admired of all, for it's perfect adaption to the purposes required, is the Amphitheatre. This is a semi-circular building, with tiers of seats rising from the central floor, capable of accommodating five thousand persons. The site of the edifice is most favorable, as a natural hollow was chosen; where, with but little excavation, the desired slope was secured. The spacious roof is supported by countless columns; and seats, floor and speaking stand are all of substantial, well finished but unpainted wood. Perfect ventilation is secured as in perhaps no other hall of equal dimensions, since the edifice is without walls.

The Hall of Philosophy is a simple and very pretty structure of Greek architecture, also without walls.

The Children's Temple is a convenient building, designed, as its name indicates, chiefly for the use of juvenile audiences. In this, there are a number of side rooms surrounding the semi-circular audience room, and communicating with it by means of folding doors. The temple and a small chapel are the only buildings adapted to winter as well as summer use. These edifices, with the auditorium and various tents, furnish

meeting places for the numerous congregations and classes, which are constantly in session during the "busy season."

Fair Point was an old camp meeting ground, and was bought by the M. E. S. S. Association, and opened first in 1874 for a National S. S. Assembly. Here a grand plan has been grandly developed. Dr. J. H. Vincent, I had almost said of the United States, instead of Plainfield, N. J., and Lewis Miller, Esq., of Akron, O., with the aid of others, have planned and executed one of the greatest achievements in the way of popularizing the means of moral and intellectual culture, that the world has ever known. Year by year, new features have been added, until the Chautauqua Assembly has assumed proportions which lead some of its patrons to call it a Summer University.

From the inspiration of the summer work, has sprung the organization now so well-known throughout the United States and Canada, as the Chautauqua Scientific and Literary Circle; more briefly the C. L. S. C. The object of this society is to afford means of systematic study to the multitudes of people, young and old, who long after the fountains of knowledge, and know not how to bring them within their reach. The method employed is a four years' course of home study, occupying four hours a week through nine months of the year. Text books are designated, some of which have been especially prepared for the purpose. Each member is expected to send to the Secretary of the C. S. L. C., monthly reports of reading done, as well as at certain times examination papers and essays on prescribed subjects. These last are examined by specialists in their respective lines, and the grades are recorded. Those finishing the four years' course with satisfactory grades, will at the end of that time receive a diploma.

When the season began at Chautauqua in '79, it was not only with the ardent expectations of all old Chautauquans, but with earnest hopes and longings from the multitudes of the C. S. L. C. July 17th, the season opened with meetings of a different character from any hitherto held at Chautauqua. On that day were inaugurated a Summer School of Languages, a Cooking School, and a "Teachers' Retreat," or secular teachers' institute.

The first began a six week's session under the care of eminent professors and teachers. Classes of various grades for children and adults, were formed in French, German and Latin; and a smaller number in Greek, Hebrew and Anglo Saxon.

The now popular "natural method" of teaching was employed, and an amount of progress was made by the pupils, which would seem incredible to those familiar only with the method of study, by means of grammar and lexicon.

The meetings of the Teachers' Retreat lasted two weeks. The numbers in attendance were small, but composed of an earnest and intelligent body of teachers representing eleven states. They listened to the instruction of such men as Prof. Dickinson, of Boston, Dr. Phelps, of Minnesota, Dr. Hancock, of Ohio, and others whose names are widely known in the educational world. A permanent organization was formed, and much enthusiasm created in regard to the next session, since the National Teachers' Association had voted to hold its next meeting at Chautauqua, July 14—17, 1880.

The Cooking School was conducted by Miss Maria Parloa, of Boston, author of the "Appledore Cook Book," and of an admirable little text book entitled, "First Principles of Household Management and Cookery." The school convened in a room of the Children's Temple, and held one session daily, which lasted the greater part of the afternoon. After the opening lectures, pertaining to cookery as a science, practical instruction was given in it as an art. Precept and example went together; for Miss Parloa delivered her conversional lectures beside a cook stove upon the platform; and while engaged in beating and stirring, measuring and sifting, necessity for the preparation of the dishes whose receipes she gave. The lessons were given in a style so interesting and admirable, that not a few of the non-cooking sex were attracted to them. Candor compels the statement, however, that gentlemen patronized the school more especially towards the *close* of each session, when the delicacies concocted there were being passed for the final test.

During the five days subsequent to the close of the Teachers' Retreat, the "Chautauqua Missionary Institute," and "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society" of the M. E. Church, held meetings which were of very great interest.

On Tuesday, the 5th of August, came the grand opening of the Sunday School Assembly. The numbers which had been steadily accumulating, now rolled up to some thousands, and the first meeting was a scene of overflowing enthusiasm. The Auditorium in which it was held, is one of those "first temples" celebrated in song; and the seats which filled the space between the stately columns, were occupied by an eager and expectant throng. The circle of cottages surrounding the grove, was illuminated from within by lamps, and without by Chinese laterns; while the Auditorium itself for the first time blazed with the electric light. The programme for the evening was a varied one, and the season one of joyful reuniting of many old Chautauquans, and glad welcome to many new ones. The meeting was conducted by Dr. Vincent, and his manner of introducing the various workers was an illustration of the fact, that it takes an extraordinary man to do an *ordinary* thing *perfectly*. The speeches were short and many of them well seasoned with Attic salt, and all listened to by an appreciative and responsive audience.

Among them all, none was received with heartier enthusiasm than Rev. W. O. Simpson, of Yorkshire, England, who had already taken Chautauqua captive by his address during the Missionary Institute.

But we must not linger on this first meeting, nor stop to speak of the general illumination and fireworks which followed. From this time the high pressure system is inaugurated, and one needs to be ubiquitious. The unversed Chautauquan begins to inquire for the main point of interest; but he finds that that locality is everywhere, At the Children's Temple, hundreds of delighted little people meet daily from half-past eight to half-past nine, under the care of Rev. B. T. Vincent and Frank Beard. Here they receive a systematic course of instruction in Bible history and doctrines, also ancient geography, and oriental manners and costumes, varied by lessons in natural history, exemplyfying the motto of the Assembly, "We study God's Word and Works."

At the same hour, in another part of the grove, the Hall of Philosophy is crowded to hear the lectures on theology, delivered by such men as Dr. Hodge, Dr. Boardman and Prof. Bonne; lectures in which the deep truths of the Bible and the questions which divide the Christian world, are discussed in form so clear and simple that no intelligent hearer can fail to be edified thereby.

At half-past nine comes the Normal Class, under charge of Dr. Vincent and a large board of assistants. This gives a comprehensive course of instruction to Sunday School teachers; and at the end of the Assembly rigid examinations are held, and diplomas awarded. Six classes have been graduated, and surely the Alumni of Harvard or Yale have scarcely more pride in their degree than have those of Chautauqua.

At eleven, popular lectures are deliv-

ered in the Amphitheatre by such lecturers as Joseph Cook, Dr. Lord, Bishop Foster, Geo. Wendling and a host of others.

But time would fail me to speak of the various lectures on literary, scientific and theological subjects; on physical culture, philology and Bible exegesis; of the concerts, the readings, the chalk talks of the inimitable Frank Beard; the stereoptican exhibitions; the courses in microscopy, in elocution and calisthenics, the drill in normal class work for primary teachers. It is evident that almost any rational mind might find enough to gratify the taste, and far more than enough to occupy the time. We clip from the *Chautauqua Assembly Herald*, one day's programme, taken at random, as a specimen of the ordinary but verying bill of fare:

6:00 a. m.—Morning Bells.
6:40 a. m.—Morning Prayers.
8:00 a. m.—*a.* Children's Hour.
b. Sixth Early Lecture. Dr. D. Curry. "Arminian Theology." (Hall.)
9:30 a. m.—*a.* Normal Class. J. A. Worden. "False Religions of the Bible, and Difficulties in the Bible." (Amphitheatre.)
b. Devotional Conference Major Cole. (Hall.)
c. Musical College. W. F. Sherwin. (Auditorium.)
10:30 a. m.—Fifth Prelude. Dr. Sargent. "Physical Culture."
11:00 a. m.—Grand Concert. Prof. W. F. Sherwin, Coductor. (Amphitheatre.)
1:00 p. m.—College Meetings.
2:00 p. m.—Grand Concert. W. F. Sherwin, Conductor. (Amphitheatre.)
3:30 p. m.—Lesson in Elocution. Prof. J. W. Churchill. (Hall.)
4:30 p. m.—*a.* Microscopy.
b. Models. W. H. Perrine. Palestine in Solomon's Time; Jerusalem. Dr. Vail; Tabernacle. J. C. Hill; Museum. A. O. Van Lennep; Herod's Temple. J. S. Ostrander.
c. Special Normal. R. S. Holmes. "The Sunday School Teacher Chosen and Trained." (Amphitheatre.)
d. Primary. Mrs. Seymour. (Temple.)
e. Calisthenics. (Two Classes.)
5:00 p. m.—Biblical Exegesis. Dr. James Strong.
7:00 p. m.—Hindoo Fables, A Talk to Children, by Rev. W. O. Simpson. (Amphitheatre.)
8:00 p. m.—C. L. S. C. Review of Greek History, R. S. Holmes, (with Ox. Hy. Illustrations and Greek Views.)
Even.Song, W. F. Sherwin.
10:00 p. m.—Warning Bell.
10:30 p. m.—Night Bells.

As may be seen, the music is not among the least of Chautauqua's attractions; and a choir of three hundred singers, under the leadership of Prof. W. F. Sherwin and Prof. C. C. Case, aided by a fine orchestra, daily and nightly discourse sweet music to the multitudes.

Young and old find in the Park of Palestine, the models of Jerusalem, the Temple and the Tabernacle, in the Oriental Museum, and the oriental groups frequently on exhibition, the means of becoming familiar with Bible lands and customs.

The social life at Chautauqua is very delightful. So many people eagerly engaged in the same pursuits cannot be otherwise than agreeable companions; and the hotel tables are free alike from the formality and the frivolity of those of the ordinary watering place. For outdoor amusements, croquet and lawn tennis meet with favor by a few, but the majority prefer to try their skill at the oars, and many ladies distinguish themselves as expert rowers.

Excursions are frequent to the various points of interest upon the lake. Every one must needs visit the Baptist ground at Point Chautauqua, an enclosure of one hundred and fifty acres, lying directly across from Fair Point, and rejoicing in the highest land, the finest grove and the grandest "Grand Hotel," upon the lake. Owing to its elevation, the air here is peculiarly bracing, and the view is unsurpassed. This place is intended for a quiet summer resort, and also as a rendezvous for summer meetings of the denomination. For the last two years the Point Chautauqua National Baptist Union has held a ten days' meeting here in the month of July. Boats are constantly running between the two points, so that those residing here may attend all the meetings of the Assembly.

But it may be asked, are skies always bright, are airs never chilling, the sun never hot? Are mud and dust unknown and weariness a stranger to those living the charmed life of the Chautauquan? We are constrained to admit, that even *there* one is at times forced to recognize himself as in an especial manner "of the earth, earthly;" but neither heat nor cold, dust nor mud has any power to clog the happy memories that linger about the scene, or to cloud the bright anticipations with which we look forward to frequent meetings upon the banks of Lake Chautauqua.

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Personal.

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Mrs, Jennie Nipe Doty, resides in Oketo, Marshall Co., Kansas.

The address of Mrs. Bell Patterson Terry, is Stillwater, Minnesota.

From an Iowa paper, we cut the following: "Married, at the residence of the brige's parents, in Giard, by Rev. Wm. Cummings, Sept. 16th, 1879, Mr. W. D. Spaulding and Miss Nattie B. Farley. The bride received many choice presents. Among them, an oil painting from a former student in Mt. Carroll, Miss Adel Aiken.

We have lately received a pleasant letter from Mrs. Ada Hathaway Ward. We can hardly believe she is the mother of two children. She writes that her sister Nellie, has just returned home from a six months visit to Oakland and San Francisco. Mrs. Ward sent us an excellent photograph of herself and one, we suppose equally good, of her husband. We are always glad to receive pictures of "the children," and hope others will follow Ada's example, as many old students as well as ourselves, take great pleasure in looking upon familiar faces found in our album. The address of Mrs. Ward and Miss Hathaway, is still Belmont, Nevada.

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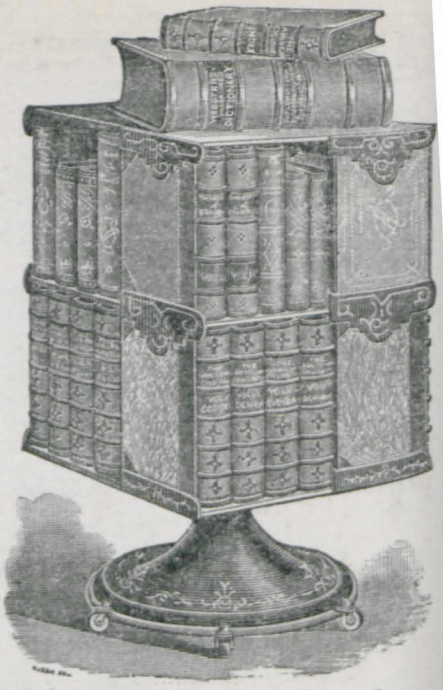

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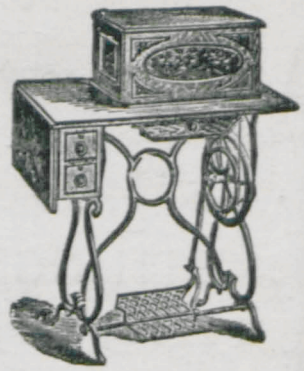

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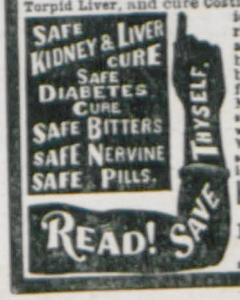

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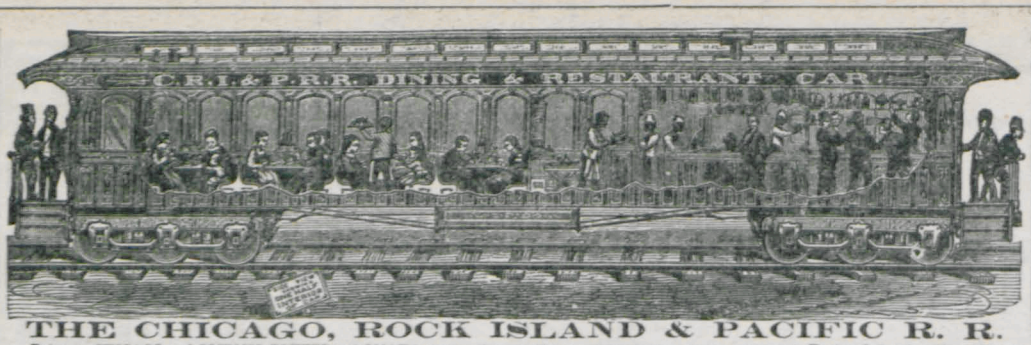

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And ornamented with evergreens and deciduous trees of nearly every variety grown in this latitude. Spacious flower gardens filled with plants, give abundant bloom the entire season. For winter ornamentation, a conservatory is added to the new building. On the Seminary grounds and farm, is grown every variety of fruit and vegetable of this climate. Some two thousand apple trees, two acres of grapes, with every other hardy fruit in equal abundance, are cultivated for the exclusive use of the institution.

THE HEALTH OF THE INSTITUTION

Justly claims attention. Sickness among the students rarely occurs. We are now entering upon the twenty-seventh year in our history, and during this entire period, only two deaths have occurred among the students, and these at intervals of twenty years. A more healthy location can scarcely be found, or better sanitary regulations be devised than at this institution.

While we as a school enjoy immunity from cases of severe illness, there is yet a fruitful source of sickness, to which we in common with other institutions of this kind are exposed, and for which our patrons are responsible. To explain, we quote from the catalogues of our sister institutions: "We request that you do not send boxes of rich cake and confectionery to your daughters." "Also that you do not furnish them money with which to buy these things. They are a fruitful source of sickness." "Parents send us headache and dyspepsia by express. We cannot send them back, they stay to plague us. It gives a child a moment's pleasure, and this through appetite." It always teaches selfish, unwomanly ways; it breeds discontent; it interrupts studies; it is a premium upon sickness and a mistaken kindness. Our table is alike for all, and enough for every want of health.

A SKILLFUL PHYSICIAN IS RESIDENT IN THE INSTITUTION,

And gives prompt attention to any slight ailments that occur, free of charge.